

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION  
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of:	)	Docket No. 98-AFC-2
Application For Certification of	)	LA PALOMA AND STAFF'S
the LA PALOMA GENERATING PROJECT,	)	PROPOSED JOINT SCHEDULE
La Paloma Generating Company, LLC	)	
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On April 22, 1999, the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) committee for the La Paloma Generating Project ordered the staff and the applicant to submit a schedule giving the expected dates of various submittals of materials for air quality, biological resources, water resources and socioeconomics, and to propose a hearing schedule for the remaining technical areas. In addition, the Committee ordered the parties to continue to submit periodic status reports. Staff and the applicant jointly submit the following proposed schedule with a status update of the outstanding technical areas.

**Air Quality**

The San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) issued its Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) on March 31, 1999. The PDOC was docketed with the Energy Commission on April 2, 1999. The District is expected to issue its Final DOC (FDOC) on May 28, 1999. Staff expects to hold a workshop in mid-

to late-May to discuss the comments on the PDOC and the affect of those comments on the FDOC.

### **Biological Resources**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is expected to issue its federal biological opinion (BO) on May 21, 1999. The applicant submitted an application for an Incidental Take Permit 2081(b) to the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) on April 23, 1999. CDFG is expected to accept the 2081(b) permit application for all affected species, except the blunt-nosed leopard lizard (BNLL). Current CDFG regulations require CDFG to rely heavily upon the federal BO. CDFG will process the permit application in parallel with USFWS's internal review of the BO, and will provide USFWS with its input on what the USFWS should include in the federal BO for the BNLL. Staff will revise its testimony based upon information provided in the federal BO and the CDFG 2081(b) permit.

### **Soil and Water Resources**

The applicant is expected to docket with the Energy Commission by May 10, 1999, additional information necessary for staff to analyze a zero discharge wastewater system as an alternative to the proposed injection wells. By letter dated April 6, 1999, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has requested additional information from La Paloma for the permit review of the proposed injection wells.

### **Socioeconomics**

The applicant met with Kern County Fire Department (KCFD) to discuss options for the acquisition of a ladder truck, and for the financing of personnel for the truck. The applicant is expected to docket with the Energy Commission by May 10, 1999, additional information necessary for staff to analyze any proposal, if further analysis is necessary. An agreement between the applicant and KCFD may preclude the need for further staff analysis.

### **Status Reports**

Staff and the applicant propose to submit four bi-weekly status reports starting on Wednesday, May 5, 1999.

### **Committee Hearing**

Staff and the applicant anticipate one day for a hearing on all of the remaining technical areas and request that the Committee schedule the hearing for Tuesday, June 29, 1999. The areas include Biological Resources, Air Quality, Land Use, Visual Resources, Traffic and Transportation, Socioeconomics, and Soil and Water Resources.

### Schedule Summary

<b>Air Quality</b>	
End of PDOC comment period	4/30/99
District issues FDOC	5/28/99
Staff files Revised FSA air quality section (including, but not limited to: conditions, verification measures, and cumulative impacts analysis)	6/11/99
<b>Biological Resources</b>	
Applicant submitted Incidental Take Permit (2081b) to California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG)	4/23/99
US Fish & Wildlife Service completes Biological Opinion	5/21/99
CDFG issues 2081(b)	To be determined
Staff files Revised FSA biological resources section	6/11/99
<b>Water Resources</b>	
Applicant docket with CEC supplemental materials for a zero discharge system for wastewater	5/10/99
Staff files Supplemental FSA water resources section	6/11/99
<b>Socioeconomics</b>	
Applicant meets with Kern County Fire Department regarding financing of a ladder truck and personnel	4/23/99
Applicant submits information to CEC regarding ladder truck, et al	5/10/99
Staff files revised FSA socioeconomics section (if needed)	6/11/99
<b>Status Reports</b>	
#1	5/5/99
#2	5/19/99
#3	6/2/99
#4	6/16/99
<b>Committee Hearing</b>	
Air Quality, Biological Resources, Soil and Water Resources, Land Use, Visual Resources, Traffic and Transportation, Socioeconomics	6/29/99

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Respectfully submitted,

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